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THE INCIDENT AND PROMISED TO REPORT IT TO HIS  
SUPERIORS.

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E.O. 12356; DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, ASEC, CASC, CM  
SUBJECT: TFCHE1: MEETING WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER;  
FIRING INTO EMBASSY APARTMENTS; POSSIBLE QUESTIONS  
ON FANG LIZHI

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 1015 ON JUNE 7, SEVERAL TRUCKLOADS  
OF THE SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN OCCUPYING THE  
JIANGUOYUANHAI (JGMH) OVERPASS BEGAN MOVING EAST.  
THE SOLDIERS FIRED INTO THE AIR TO CLEAR CIVILIANS  
OUT OF THE WAY. AS THE TRUCKS PASSED THE JGMH  
DIPLOMATIC COMPOUND, SOLDIERS FIRED IN THE DIRECTION  
OF THE BUILDINGS. BULLETS DESTROYED THE WINDOWS OF  
THE APARTMENTS OF THREE OF OUR OFFICERS, INCLUDING

APARTMENTS ON THE THIRD, FOURTH AND SEVENTH FLOORS.  
FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING CHILDREN, WERE IN TWO  
OF THE APARTMENTS AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. NO ONE  
WAS INJURED.

3. COINCIDENTALLY, AT 1100 THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
CALLED ADCH TO INFORM US THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER  
ZHU QIZHEN, IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST OF THE DAY  
BEFORE, HAD AGREED TO MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR AT  
1530 ON JUNE 7. ADCH RESPONDED THAT THE NEED FOR A  
MEETING HAD JUST TAKEN ON NEW URGENCY. HE REMINDED  
MA ZHENGANG, CHIEF OF THE MFA'S U.S. DIVISION,  
THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS  
DIVISION TOLD ADCH ON JUNE 6 THAT AMERICAN RESIDENTS  
WOULD BE SECURE IF THEY ADHERED TO THE  
REGULATIONS OF THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND. ADCH INFORMED MA  
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S ARMED FORCES HAD FIRED ON  
THE RESIDENCES OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS, CAUSING GRAVE  
RISK TO THE LIVES OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN, WHO HAD  
TAKEN NO ACTION WHICH COULD REMOTELY BE CONSIDERED  
A VIOLATION OF THE MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS. IN LIGHT  
OF THIS VERY SERIOUS INCIDENT, ADCH ASKED THAT THE  
MEETING WITH ZHU BE ADVANCED TO THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE  
HOUR.

4. MA PROMISED TO REPORT THE INCIDENT IMMEDIATELY  
TO HIS SUPERIORS AND GET BACK TO ADCH ABOUT THE  
POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLIER APPOINTMENT. AT 1135 MA  
INFORMED ADCH THAT ZHU COULD NOT MEET THE AMBASSADOR  
EARLIER THAN 1530. ADCH REITERATED THAT WE CONSIDERED  
THE INCIDENT A GRAVE ONE AND ASKED THAT IT BE REPORTED  
IMMEDIATELY TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE CHINESE  
GOVERNMENT. MA SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF SOME DETAILS OF

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